

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF VERMONT**

MISTY BLANCHETTE PORTER, M.D.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DARTMOUTH-HITCHCOCK MEDICAL  
CENTER, DARTMOUTH-HITCHCOCK  
CLINIC, MARY HITCHCOCK  
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, and  
DARTMOUTH-HITCHCOCK HEALTH,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:17-cv-194

**DEFENDANTS' MOTION *IN LIMINE* TO PRECLUDE INADMISSIBLE HEARSAY  
AND CHARACTER EVIDENCE**

Defendants Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Clinic, Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (collectively, “Defendants” or “Dartmouth Health”) hereby move, pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 401 and 403, as well as the Order issued by this Honorable Court on January 13, 2025, at ECF Docket No. 194, to preclude testimony at trial relating to inadmissible hearsay and character evidence (the “Motion”). The grounds for Defendants’ Motion are fully set forth in the accompanying memorandum of law. In brief, the exclusion of this evidence is appropriate because Plaintiff intends to introduce hearsay statements and character attacks that are not relevant to the issues in this case, which makes it irrelevant, unfairly prejudicial, confusing, misleading, and a waste of the jury’s and Court’s time.

Pursuant to Local Rule 7(a)(7), Defendants hereby certify that they have made a good faith attempt to obtain Plaintiff's agreement to the requested relief, and such agreement was not obtained. Defendants hereby request an evidentiary hearing on this motion pursuant to Local Rule 7(a)(6).

Date: February 14, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tristram J. Coffin

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on February 14, 2025, a copy of the foregoing document was electronically filed through the ECF system and will be sent electronically to all persons identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing.

/s/ Tristram J. Coffin

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